River Run



Young River People's Council Newsletter

YRPC Facilitates Substance Abuse Round Table Discussion



Photo Credit: Dalton Walker

The substance abuse round table was a success. Around 60 youth attended the event. Although it was a sensitive subject the other youth talked about their experiences and gave honest opinions about drugs in our Community. At the end of the event we came together and discussed solutions to the issues. We are thankful that some of the Tribal Council members joined us. - Christina Schurz

We helped out with the anti-substance abuse youth round table. I thought it was fun, we got to hear what other youth think about our Community. We played an ice breakers with them. I learned a lot about the other youth that attended. In the future we should hold another one and talk about more solutions to fix the problems we face. —Elias Fulwilder

Some of the youth council members attended the anti-drug art project to help paint positive messages that will be put up in the Community. Community artists Dwayne Manuel and Marcus Breeze were there to help the youth bring the projects to life using spray paint. I thought the event was good and it'll be exciting to see them up in the Community.

-Ky-Mani Harney









Our youth council originally had the goal to restore the Lonely Cactus Garden over the summer but a few adjustments to our original plans needed to be made. In collaboration with Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, a Community Health Educator, we were able to build individual raised garden beds for the residents and offer our help, tools, and seeds to get them started up. We hope that these raised beds will offer a hobby and promote healthy eating through the array of vegetables and fruits that were planted. It was a lot of fun to build the beds and help with the planting process. Thank you to Vurlene for all of your help with our goal and to the Lonely Cactus residents! -Alyssa Andrews

On August 24th, a few members of our youth council along with Councilman Dallas attended the Ak-Chin Youth Council Inauguration. The ceremony was very sweet and to the point. After the ceremony was done and all the members were sworn in we had a meal together. To close the evening we danced to some social songs and socialized. It was a good evening and I wish the best of luck to their council in the upcoming year. –Nalani Lopez



Congratulations Ak-Chin Youth Council







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YRPC gave a gift to the Ak-Chin President

Upcoming YRPC Events and Activities

- ♦ Sept. 6th– Executive Meeting at 5pm at Two Waters
- Sept.5, 12, 19th- PSA meeting with Monte Yazzie at 4:30pm at Two Waters
- Sept. 13th– YRPC Meeting at 5pm at Two Waters
- ♦ Sept. 8th- GOTV Door to Door 1pm-5pm.
- ♦ Sept. 20th– Executive Meeting at 5pm at Two Waters
- ♦ Sept. 15th– Work Session at Two Waters 9am-3pm.
- Sept. 21st- Day for Kids Volunteering event 5pm-9pm at SRCB
- ♦ Sept. 27thth– YRPC Meeting at 5pm at Two Waters